

Vacancy Announcement

Announcement #	438-09089	Position	Physician Assistant		
PayPlan	VN	Series	0603		
TargetGrade		Target PD		Pay Range	
Dev Grade		Dev PD		Dev Pay Range	
1st Dev Grade		1st Dev PD		1st Dev Pay Range	
Opens	03/30/09	Closes	04/13/09	Openings	1
Tour of Duty, etc	Primarily 8 hr. shifts, M-F; Flexibility in tours/days of week required				
Special Comments	Grade & salary determined by PSB.				
Service	Surgical Specialty SL				
Section					
Area/Consideration	Open to all U. S. citizens				
Duty Site	Sioux Falls, SD				
Major Duties	<p>The PA is assigned to the Surgical Specialty Service Line and is directly responsible to and under the direction of the Chief, Surgical Service. Normal tours of duty for the PA will be Monday through Friday, typically 0700-1530. The Physicians Assistant must be able to work in close proximity with a multidisciplinary team devoted to delivering the best care to Veterans. The individual will be a valued and respected member of the Surgical Specialty Service Line and allowed to cooperate and actively participate in the personal and professional development of staff and towards their own unique aspirations and goals in relation to their employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Sioux Falls, VA Medical Center. The Physicians Assistant selected for this position will be able to participate in education and receive training opportunities through the Department of Veterans Affairs.</p> <p>Routine duties for the assigned PA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Take a complete, detailed, and accurate history: do a complete examination and record pertinent data in acceptable medical form. •Perform routine 10-10 examinations. •Order laboratory tests, x-rays, EKG's, and other diagnostic procedures with physicians concurrence. •Initiate consults. •Make notes on all procedures performed for which the PA is responsible or as directed. •Do a complete H&P on all surgical patients •First assist in surgery •Order medications <p>The Physician Assistant will also be responsible for various non-routine/non-emergency duties after direct consultation with and explicit approval of the supervising physician. Under all circumstances, a physician will be available, on-call, to assist.</p> <p>Need to have the PA is required to take first call for the surgical provider. Call is approx. every 4th day from 4pm till 8am, and every 4th weekend, from Friday at 4pm till Monday at 8am. PA on weekend call is required to do rounds on Saturday and Sunday on all surgical patients with the Surgeon on call; rounds are approx 4-6 hours long.</p> <p>Physician Assistants will perform or assist the following diagnostic procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Urinary bladder cathertization 				

- Nasogastric intubation and gastric lavage
- The taking of cultures
- The performance and reading of skin tests

Therapeutic procedures:

- Injections
- Immunizations
- Debridement; suture and care of superficial wounds
- Debridement of minor superficial burns
- Removal of foreign bodies from the external surface of the skin.
- Removal of Sutures
- Removal of impacted cerumen
- Subcutaneous local anesthesia, excluding nerve blocks.
- Strapping, casting, and splinting of sprains and stable fractures
- Anterior nasal packing for epistaxis
- Removal of casts
- Other duties based on position description.

Time In Grade

Qualifications

Certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) is a requirement for employment.

Basic Requirements:

The candidate must meet one of the following:

1. A Bachelor's Degree from a PA training program which is certified by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education (CAAHEP); OR
2. Graduation from a PA training program of at least 12 months duration (certified by CAAHEP) and a Bachelor's Degree in a health care occupation or health-related science; OR
3. Graduation from a PA training program of at least 12 months duration (certified by CAAHEP) and a period of progressively responsible health care experience such as independent duty medical corpsman, licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, medical technologist or medical technician. The duration of approved academic training and health care experience must total at least 5 years.
4. Grade requirements established by VA Directive and Handbook 5005.
5. Subject to physical standards established by VA Directive and Handbook 5019.
6. Must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38 U.S.C. 7402(d) and 7407(d).
7. Must be a citizen of the United States.

Rating Factors

Application Process

Physician Assistant Applicants:

- VA Form 10-2850c, "Application for Associated Health Occupations"
- OF-306 "Declaration for Federal Employment"
- A résumé may also be attached
- Copy of most recent evaluation/appraisal.
- If a veteran: Veterans Preference eligible's, including VRA 30% disabled, must submit a copy of ALL DD-214's and a SF-15 (if 10 point preference is claimed) with current (dated within the last 12 months) proof of a service-connected disability.

These forms may be obtained through the Human Resources Office or from www.sioxfalls.va.gov. Application packages are to be submitted to and received in the VA Medical Center, Human Resources Office, 2501 W. 22nd St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 not later than 04/13/2009. For additional information contact Nathan Anderson, (605) 332-3230 x6432 or Nathan.Anderson@va.gov.

APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE: Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website:
<http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Position is subject to a pre-employment physical examination. Employment will be contingent upon the results of any required physical.

DRUG TESTING: All applicant(s) tentatively selected for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employment in a Testing Designated Position (TDP) are subject to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. Applicant(s) who refuse to be tested will be denied employment with VA.

VET PRO CREDENTIALING: Individuals selected for positions that have patient care responsibilities are subject to undergoing an electronic credentialing process called VetPro. As part of this process, it will be necessary for you to submit complete information concerning your professional education, training, experience, licensure and certifications using VetPro. The candidate selected will be provided with further information on how to use VetPro.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT: Applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, religion, partisan political affiliation, national origin, age, physical or mental handicap. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and/or hiring process, please notify the agency. A decision for granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

SECURITY: Appointments in the Federal Government are subject to a criminal background investigation.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT: Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) has been established for new civilian employees and employees competitively selected for promotions and reassignments. Employees meeting this definition must enroll in DD/EFT or request a waiver of enrollment. Information will be provided when the job offer is made and during in processing.

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